

Proposed Bill No. 25

January Session, 2009

LCO No. 445

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' SUBMISSION OF A WAIVER TO EXTEND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER MEDICAID TO PERSONS WHO QUALIFY FOR STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That subsection (g) of section 17b-192 of the general statutes be
- 2 amended to: (1) Require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek a
- 3 waiver of federal law to extend health insurance coverage under
- 4 Medicaid to persons who qualify for medical assistance under the
- 5 state-administered general assistance program by January 1, 2010; and
- 6 (2) require the Commissioner of Social Services to submit a written
- 7 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
- 8 cognizance of matters relating to human services by February 1, 2010,
- 9 if the commissioner fails to submit the waiver by January 1, 2010, to
- 10 explain the reasons for his failure to submit the waiver.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide the Human Services committee with an explanation if he fails to seek a federal waiver, as required by subsection (g) of section 17b-192 of the general statutes.